



Interagency Rapid Transit System Meeting Hosted by the Rockville Mayor and Council

Planning for the MD 355 Rapid Transit Line

Rockville City Hall
Mayor and Council Chamber
December 3, 2014
7:00-8:30 pm

AGENDA

- 1. Introductory Remarks:**
County Executive Leggett, Mayors Newton and Ashman (7:00 to 7:10 pm)
- 2. Master Plan Guidance:**
Glenn Orlin, Deputy Administrator, Montgomery County Council, (7:10 to 7:30 pm)
Andrew Gunning, Assistant Director, Department of Community Planning & Development
Services, City of Rockville,
Martin Matsen, Planning Division Chief, City of Gaithersburg
- 3. MD 355 BRT Project Planning Study:**
Barrett Kiedrowski, Chief, Project Management Division, (7:30 to 7:45 pm)
Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering,
Maryland State Highway Administration
- 4. Advisory Committees and Other Public Outreach:** (7:45 to 8:00 pm)
Joana Conklin, Rapid Transit System Development Manager,
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
- 5. Elected Officials Discussion and Closing Remarks** (8:00 to 8:30 pm)



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Agenda Item

For the meeting on:	December 3, 2014
Agenda Item Type:	Discussion
Department:	City Manager
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Subject

Interagency Bus Rapid Transit System Meeting

Recommendation

Engage in a discussion with the County Executive, Montgomery County Council members, and the Gaithersburg Mayor and Council on intergovernmental collaboration and coordination on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System routes planned on MD 355 in Gaithersburg and Rockville.

Discussion

The Interagency Bus Rapid Transit System meeting is an outgrowth of the City's 2015 County legislative and policy priority on the Rockville Pike Plan/BRT, which the Rockville Mayor and Council approved on September 8, 2014. The purpose of the December 3, 2014 meeting is for Rockville and Gaithersburg officials to reinforce their desire to remain fully involved in the conversation, as the State and County proceed with decisions on the BRT planning, design, and implementation.

With planned BRT routes on portions of MD 355 that cross both Gaithersburg and Rockville it is important that the three jurisdictions collaborate in support of achieving the goals of the County and the State, while also meeting the needs of both municipalities. The December 3, 2014 interagency BRT meeting is an opportunity for the elected officials from each jurisdiction to discuss their priorities for the project and to set the stage for a continued strong partnership going forward. Additionally, it is an opportunity for the municipalities to request that the County continue to provide periodic BRT briefings at meetings and that pertinent information is shared before critical BRT decisions are made.

In addition to the dialogue between the elected officials, there will be staff presentations on the following:

- County Council staff presentation on BRT and related issues in the County's approved Master Plan;
- Update from the Maryland Department of Transportation on the BRT Project Planning Study Process;
- Update on Advisory Committees and other outreach from County Department of Transportation staff;

- Update from Gaithersburg and Rockville planning staff regarding master plan and other activities related to BRT along MD 355.

A meeting agenda is provided in Attachment A. Staff from each of the three jurisdictions will be available to answer questions. Jeff Boothe and Rich Gold from Holland and Knight, who have experience with BRT systems from a national perspective, will be in attendance to answer questions.

Mayor and Council History

This is the first time that the Rockville Mayor and Council have gathered County and Gaithersburg officials together to discuss the Route 355 BRT route.

Next Steps

The City will continue to work in close coordination with the County, State, and Gaithersburg as the corridor planning process continues. It will be important for the Mayor and Council and staff to keep the County, the State, and Gaithersburg up to date on the status of the Mayor and Council's review of the Rockville's Pike Plan and any other planning efforts impacting MD 355.

Attachments



Deputy City Manager: Jenny Kimball, Deputy City Manager
Approval Date: 11/24/2014

City Manager



City Manager: Barbara B. Matthews, City Manager
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